

By the Quene.



HE Q V E N E S mosie excellent Maiestie, baying informed, that there is presently growyng and encreasing in certaine evyll disposed persons, in and nere the citye of London, such an inordinate boldnes, as they having knowledge of processe sent forth out of sundry Courtes of Recorde, to attache them by their bodyes, to answe unto Justice: doe not only armie themselves priuely to withstande in forcible maner, the officers hauyng charge to execute the same processe: but doe also make assaultes and open strayes vpon the sayd officers, bothe to the manyfelle contempte of publike authoritie, and to the danger of the liues of the sayd officers. Wherpon her maiestie hauing it broughte also to her remembrance, in what sort the Noble kyng her maiesties father, kyng Henry the eight, vpon the like disorder growen about the xxiij. yere of his reigne, did prouide speedy remedy by a verye streight proclamation, vnder great and mortall paynes to the offendours therin. Wherpon also manyfelle quietnes did ensue, to the execution of all the like processe by Seriants, Baillies, and such other ministers. For these considerations, her maiestie hauing also regard to mainteine her authuritie gauen her by almighty God, ouer al maner of persons within her dominions, and to preserue due reverence to her lawes and to the ministers therof, straightly chargeth and commaundeth all maner of persons, of what condition soeuer they be within any of her dominions, quietly & peaceably to obey and yeld themselues, to the Arrestes & attachments of al Misors, Sherisses, baillies, seriantes, & other ministers, without refusall, rescues, or resistance, vpon payn that as well the principall offendours, as their ayders, mainteyners, and procurers in any such rescues or resistance, shalbe committed to prison, there to remaine close without any maner of libertie. And to be furder seuerally chastised and punished for the same contempt (besides the punishmente due for the cause, wherpon the attachment was awarded) as shalbe expressely devised, limited, & appointed by her maiesties own speciall direction, with thaduisse of her Counsell. And in the meane season not to be bailed or deliuered out of prison by any maner of officer without hauing special warant therfore, from her Maiestie: so; so doth her highnes meane to take the care to her selfe, to punish such a notable contempt. And to devise such seuerall maner of punishmentes, for terror and example, as shalbe requisite to the maner & other circumstances of the offence. And furder her Maiestie comandeth, that all other persons being present or nere to any such rescues to be made, shall do their best endeauour to ayde the publike officer, & to attache the offendours and their adherents, vpon payn to be likewise imprisoned, vntill her maiesties pleasure shalbe therin speciallye declared. Or that the Justices of the Assise, or of Oyer and terminer at their next comming nere to that place, or the president and counsell (if the case shal so require) in the Marches of wales, or in the North, shall other wise order therin, according to the quality of the fault. Wherin her maiestie chargeth the same Justices, Presidents and Counsell, to vse such seueritie as to the cause shall appertain, and moue others, by the example and terror of punishment to forbearre from the lyke. Neuen at West minister the xxi. day of March, 1564. The seventh yere of her Maiesties Reigne.

God save the Quene.

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